

# **POLITICAL SCIENCE, PH.D.**

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The doctoral degree program with a major in political science is specifically designed to prepare students for academic and top-level public service careers. Students acquire a general knowledge of the discipline of political science, its history, its subject matter, its relationship to other disciplines and professions, and the aspirations and obligations of political scientists.

## **Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the discipline and their theoretical and substantive knowledge of two of the discipline's subrecognized fields.
2. Students will develop a research design to examine an important theoretical question in political science that has the potential to contribute to understanding in the field.
3. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of basic quantitative skills and, for those students for which it is appropriate, their knowledge of more advanced quantitative skills.
4. Students will demonstrate their ability to conduct original research.